THE SPINNING TOE-HOLD
WRESTLING REPORT

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DEAR CORRESPONDENT:

We hope you liked the first edition of The Spinning Toe-Hold Wrestling Report. This second edition will endeavor to put forth our best efforts and we hope it will be well received by our correspondents.

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO: MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK 10/20/65

Bruno Sammartino W. Bill Watts
Arnold Skaaland W. The Golden Terror
Argentina Apollo W. Gino Brito
Bobo Brazil & Miguel Perez W. Waldo Von Erich & Smasher Sloan
Tarzan Tyler W. Chief Big Heart
Tiny Tim & Jamaica Kid W. Cowboy Bradley & Pancho Lopez
Johnny Valentine drew Bill Miller

TEN YEARS AGO: TOKYO, JAPAN 4/6/68

Freddie Blassie & Tarzan Tyler W. Antonio Inoki & Kintaro Oki-DQ
Giant Baba W. Killer Kowalski
Michiaki Yoshimura W. Angelo Poffo
Jess Ortega W. Duke Keomuka
Pat Patterson W. Mitsu Hirai
Dom DeNucci W. Kantaro Hoshino
Yamamoto W. Len Rossi
Takachiho W. Masayuki Fujii

ONE YEAR AGO: KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 10/27/77

Harley Race W. Buck Robley
Thunderbolt Patterson W. Crusher Blackwell
Fabulous Moolah W. Vicky Williams
Black Angus &Bob Brown W. Mr. Seki & Bob Sweetan
Ron Starr W. Bobby Jaggers
The Executioner drew Jake Roberts

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 9/23/78

Verne & Greg Gagne W. Pat Patterson & Ray Stevens
Rufus R. Jones drew Super Destroyer Mark #2
Bob Orton Jr. W. Billy Robinson
Blackjack Lanza W. George Gadaski
Mighty Igor W. Al Hayes
Cecil DuBois drew Steve Olsonoski

TAMPA, FLORIDA SHOWN ON NEW YORK (TV) 9/26/78

Mike Graham & Steve Keirn W. Bobby Duncum & The Spoiler #2
(Fore-arm smash & pin)
The Spoilers #1 & #2 W. Tiger Conway, Jr. & El Rio
(Shoulder-braker & bodypress)
The Spoiler #1 W. Dusty Rhodes - DQ. (For hitting Ref.)
Karl Kox W. Steve Brodie (Brain-Buster Suplex & pin)
Jerry Brisco W. Sir Winston (Cradle & pin)
Wahoo McDaniel W. Pete Austin (Suplex & Bodypress)
Jim Garvin vs. Vic Rossitani (Result not announced, due to expired air time)

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA SHOWN ON NEW YORK (TV) 9/27/78

Hector Guerrero W. Great Golaith (Ref. dec. on time limit)
Black Gordman & Go W. Prof. Ito & Tokyo Joe (Suplex & pin)
Tatsumi Fujinami W. Gama Singh (Cradle & Pin)
Carlos Mata & Hector Guerrero W. Moondog Mayne & Roddy Piper
(1st - Mata p. Piper)
(2nd - Guerrero p. Mayne)
Referees: Freddie Blassie & Bobby Bockwinkel
(Outcome of the bout caused by Ref. Freddie Blassie)

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 9/25/78

Nick Bockwinkel W. Jim Valiant
Jerry Lawler W. Joe LeDuc
Nelson Royal W. Bill Dundee
Tommy Gilbert W. Frankie Lane
Terry Sawyer W. Verlon Biggs - DQ

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 9/25/78

Dutch Mantell & Ken Lucas W. Tojo Yamamoto & Gypsy Joe
Dutch Mantell W. Chief Thundercloud
The Blue Yankee w. Burrhead Jones
The Mexican Angel W. Orvil Hutto
The Masked Mummy W. Mike Jackson

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 9/25/78

Al Madril W. Coloso Colosetti
The White Knight W. Rocky Johnson
Karl Krupp W. Leroy Brown
Tim Brooks drew Armando Guerrero

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 9/25/78

Mike George & Jim Shields W. Jerry Brown & Bobby Jaggers
Ron Bass W. Bob Ellis
Terry Latham & Ricky Fields W. Larry Booker & Carl Fergie
Ron Slinker W. Randy Brewer
Jim Shields W. Igor Putski

TAMPA, FLORIDA 9/26/78

Prince Tonga W. Phil Mercado
Jim Garvin W. Steve Brodie
Mr. Saito & Mr. Sato W. Prince Tonga & Jerry Brisco
Andre the Giant W. Vic Rossitani & Sir Winston
Mike Graham & Steve Keirn W. Karl Kox & Bobby Duncum
The Spoiler W. Wahoo McDaniel - DQ
Prince Tonga won a 15 man Battle Royal

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 9/28/78

Vic Rossitani W. Rick Oliver
Jim Garvin W. Phil Mercado
Prince Tonga W. Sir Winston
Andre the Giant & Jerry Brisco W. Karl Kox & Bobby Duncum
The Spoiler #1 W. Wahoo McDaniel
Dusty Rhodes, Mike Graham, Steve Keirn
W.
Pak Song, Mr. Saito, Mr. Sato

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 9/28/78

Tom Andrews W. Gene Stevens
Pedro Morales W. Alex Perez
Buck Robley W. Gary Young
Paul Orndorff W. Tim Brooks
Doug Gilbert W. Karl Krupp
Bob Brown & Brian Blair W. Tank Patton & Jesse Ventura - DQ
Bruiser Brody W. Leroy Brown

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 9/29/78

Jim Golden & Rip Smith W. Dennis Condry & Phil Hickerson
Ronnie Garvin W. Boris Malenko
Dennis Hall W. Terry Gibbs
Prof. Tanaka W. Al Greene
Kevin Sullivan W. Bob Roop

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 9/30/78

Vic Rossitani drew Phil Mercado
Jim Garvin W. Sir Winston
Bobby Duncum W. Rick Oliver
Jerry Brisco W. Prince Tonga
Andre the Giant, Mike Graham, Steve Keirn
W.
Pak Song, Mr. Saito, Mr. Sato
Wahoo McDaniel W. Ivan Koloff
Dusty Rhodes W. Ernie Ladd

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Tampa, Florida Shown on New York (TV) 10/3/78

The Spoilers #1 & #2 W. Mike Graham & Steve Keirn (#2 p. Graham)
The Spoiler #2 W. Steve Brodie (Shoulder-Braker & Pin)
Jim Garvin W. The Avenger (Guillotine & Bodypress)
Wahoo McDaniel Vs. Harley Race (Decision Held up)
Mike Graham & Steve Keirn W. Karl Kox & Vic Rossitani
(Reverse Rolling Cradle & Pin)
Wahoo McDaniel W. Jack Berry (Suplex & Bodypress)
Tiger Conway, Jr. W. King Cobra (Forward Roll & Pin)

Los Angeles, California Shown on New York (TV) 10/4/78

Chavo Guerrero Drew Great Goliath (To Time Limit)
Roddy Piper W. Gama Singh (Ref. Decision, Due to Time Limit)
Great Goliath W. Tarzan Azteca (Suplex & Bodypress)
Chavo & Hector Guerrero
W.
Roddy Piper, Prof. Ito, Tokyo Joe (Roll up Cradle & Pin)

Fort Worth, Texas 10/2/78

David Von Erich	W.	Karl Krupp
Bruiser Brody	W.	Al Madril
Gino Hernandez	Drew	Kevin Von Erich
Bill White	W.	Armando Guerrero
The White Knight	W.	Coloso Colosette
Leroy Brown	W.	Jack Evans

West Palm Beach, Florida 10/2/78

The Spoiler	D.C.O.R.	Wahoo McDaniel
Steve Keirn	W.	Karl Kox

Tampa, Florida 10/3/78

Dusty Rhodes & Wahoo McDaniel W. Mr. Sato & Mr. Saito - DQ
The Spoiler W. Jerry Brisco
Karl Kox & Bobby Duncum W. Jim Garvin & Steve Keirn
Pak Song W. Phil Mercado
Prince Tonga W. Pete Austin
Jim Garvin W. Vic Rossitani

Kansas City, Kansas 10/5/78

Tom Andrews Drew Tank Patton
Doug Gilbert W. Gene Stevens
Bob Sweetan W. Gary Young
Bob Brown & Paul Orndorff W. Buck Robley & Doug Pettis
Brian Blair W. Jesse Ventura
Bruiser Brody D.DQ. Dick the Bruiser

St. Louis, Missouri 10/6/78

Harley Race W. Ric Flair - C.O.R.
Bruiser Brody W. Pat O'Connor
Ted DiBiase & Rocky Johnson W. Bob Sweetan & Buck Robley
Bob Brown Drew Paul Orndorff
Tank Patton W. Gary Young
Kevin Von Erich & Tom Andrews W. Jesse Ventura & Gene Stevens

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 9/30/78

Terry Funk Drew Mark Lewin
Dory Funk, Jr. W. Stan Stasiak - DQ.
Big Red, Ric Martel, Ed George
W.
Don Kent, Austin Idol, Walter Johnson - DQ.
Eric the Red W. Jerry Ralph
Ric Martel W. Dan Fargo
The Wildman W. Jim Steele
The Fabulous Kangaroos W. Tony Eaton & Dennis Wright

DES MOINES, IOWA 10/7/78

Tom Andrews & Gary Young W. Gene Stevens & Don Cunningham
Bobo Johnson W. Lord Littlebrook
Brian Blair W. Bob Sweetan
Bob Orton W. Dory Funk, Jr. - DQ.
Bob Brown & Paul Orndorff W. Tank Patton & Jesse Ventura - DQ.
Buck Robley W. Doug Gilbert
Andre the Giant W. Bruiser Brody - DQ.
Harley Race W. Terry Funk

TAMPA, FLORIDA SHOWN ON NEW YORK (TV) 10/10/78

Bobby Duncum W. El Rio (Shoulder-Braker & Pin)
Mike Graham & Steve Keirn W. The Spoilers (Fore-arm Smash & Pin)
The Spoiler #2 W. Steve Brodie (Shoulder-Braker & Pin)
Wahoo McDaniel Vs. Karl Kox (Result not announced)
Wahoo McDaniel W. The Avenger (Suplex & Bodypress)
Tiger Conway, Jr. W. Mr. Sato - DQ. (Outside Interference)

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA SHOWN ON NEW YORK (TV) 10/11/78

Hector Guerrero Drew Go (To Time Limit)
Billy Graham W. Bill Pappas (Bear-Hug)
Hector Guerrero & Gama Singh W. Great Goliath & Pistol Pete
(Bodypress)
Mando Guerrero Vs. Pak Choo (Result not announced, due to out-
side interference)

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 10/9/78

Harley Race W. Bruiser Brody
The Fabulous Moolah W. Evelyn Stevens
Tiger Conway Jr. W. David Patterson
Kevin Von Erich W. Bill White
Al Madril W. Jack Evans
The Von Erichs Drew Gary Hart, Gino Hernandez, The White Knight

TAMPA, FLORIDA 10/10/78

Wahoo McDaniel & Dusty Rhodes W. Mr. Saito & Mr. Sato
Steve Keirn W. The Spoiler
Pak Song W. Steve Keirn
Bobby Duncum W. Jim Garvin
Steve Brodie W. Eric The Red - DQ.
Vic Rossitani W. Pete Austin

MIAMI, FLORIDA 10/11/78

Wahoo McDaniel & Dusty Rhodes W. Mr. Saito & Mr. Sato
Rocky Johnson D.C.O.R. The Spoiler
Pak Song W. Steve Keirn
Jerry Brisco W. Bobby Duncum - DQ.
Jim Garvin W. Eric The Red - DQ.
Prince Tonga W. Pete Austin

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 10/12/78

Bob Sweetan & Jesse Ventura Vs. Bob Brown & Brian Blair (Result not announced due to outside interference - Ref. unable to decide)
Bruiser Brody W. Tom Andrews
Doug Gilbert W. Bob Sweetan - DQ.
Buck Robley W. Eric Embrey
Mike George W. Jack Evans
Gene Stevens W. Doug Pettis

HOUSTON, TEXAS 10/13/78

Tiger Conway,Jr. Drew The White Knight
Al Madril W. Bill White -DQ.
Coconut Willie W. Little Tokyo
Coconut Willie & Cowboy Lang W. Little Tokyo & Billy the Kid
Suzette Ferriera W. Joyce Grable
Gino Hernandez W. David Von Erich
Bruiser Brody W. Rocky Johnson
Nick Bockwinkel W. Dusty Rhodes
Andre the Giant Drew Harley Race - D.C.O.R.

THE SPECTRUM, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 10/14/78

Bob Backlund W. Victor Rivera
Billy Graham W. Dusty Rhodes - DQ.
Crusher Blackwell W. Tony Garea
Spiros Arion W. Larry Zbyszko - C.O.R.
Dino Bravo W. Baron Scicluna
Luke Graham W. S. D. Jones
Tony Russo W. Tony Altamore
Johnny Rodz W. Jim Raye
The Yukon Lumberjacks W. Jay Strongbow & Peter Maivia

NOTE:* OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENTS:

Terry Justice, Tom Burke, John Pinzker, Eric Weissman, Jeff Berkowitz, Tommy Darensbourg Jr., Troy Steve and Canarsie Lou. We also have two of our good buddies listed on the bottom of page 3.

We believe that the team of Peter Maivia and Bob Backlund will not last. Bob Backlund is more of"singles" type wrestler. At this time in the Detroit area the Funk Bros. are creating a stir. Terry and Dory Jr.,,are really busting heads!!

TAMPA, FLORIDA Shown on New York (TV) 10/17/78

Phil Mercado W. Steve Brodie (Thrust to throat & pin)
Steve Keirn W. Bobby Duncum- DQ. (outside interference)
Karl Kox W. Ron Sexton (Brain-Buster Suplex & Pin)
Mr. Saito & Mrs. Sato W. Ron Slinker & Sonny Driver (Sleeper)
The Spoiler #1 W. Paul Ellering (Fore-arm Elbow Smash & Pin)
Tiger Conway, Jr. W. Sir Winston (Head-butts & bodypress)

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Shown on New York (TV) 10/18/78

Chavo Guerrero W. Black Gordman (Ref. Dec. on time limit)
Chavo Guerrero VS. Great Goliath (Result not announced due to outside interference).
Black Gordman W. Rex Arnold (Sit-out legdrop & pin)
Carlos Mata VS. Billy Graham (Result not announced due to outside interference).

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 10/16/78

Dusty Rhodes & Kevin Von Erich W. The White Knight & Bill White
Tiger Conway, Jr. W. Coloso Colosetti
Al Madril W. Dave Patterson
David Von Erich W. Gino Hernandez
Gama Singh W. Jack Evans

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 10/16/78

Ernie Ladd D.DQ. Andre the Giant
Jerry Brown & Bobby Jaggers W. Sieg Stanke & The Brute
Randy Tyler W. Ron Bass
Mike George W. Ron Slinker
Jose Lothario W. The Brute
Jim Shields W. Bob Marcus

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 10/16/78

Jerry Lawler W. Nelson Royal
The Bounty Hunters W. Jim & John Valiant
Lou Thesz & Terry Sawyer ND. Robert Gibson & Inca Peru
Don Fargo W. Tommy Gilbert
Matumba W. Larry Hardin
Bill Dundee W. Joe LeDuc

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 10/16/78

Wahoo McDaniel & Rocky Johnson W. Mr. Saito & Mr. Sato
Pak Song W. Karl Kox - DQ.
The Spoiler W. Jerry Brisco
Mike Graham & Steve Keirn W. Bobby Duncum & Eric The Red
Prince Tonga W. Rick Oliver
Jim Garvin Drew Ali Bey

MIAMI, FLORIDA 10/18/78

Wahoo McDaniel & Jack Brisco W. Mr. Saito & Mr. Sato
Rocky Johnson W. The Spoiler
Pak Song & Eric The Red W. Karl Kox & Steve Keirn
Bobby Duncum W. Prince Tonga
Rick Oliver W. Pete Austin
Jim Garvin DREW Ali Bey

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 10/19/78

Eric Embrey W. Doug Pettis
Doug Gilbert W. Gene Stevens
Kevin Von Erich W. Jack Evans
Bob Brown W. Ron Starr
Bruiser Brody W. Mike George
Buck Robley & Jesse Ventura W. Paul Orndorff & Brian Blair - DQ.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 10/20/78

Dick The Bruiser W. King Kong Brody - DQ.
Ted DiBiase W. Buck Robley & Jim Valiant
Pat O'Connor & Rocky Johnson W. Al Hayes & John Valiant
Bob Sweetan W. Mike George
Tank Patton W. Paul Orndorff
Tom Andrews & Kevin Von Erich W. Bob Brown & Jesse Ventura

HOUSTON, TEXAS 10/20/78

Wahoo McDaniel W. Gino Hernandez (strap match)
Jose Lothario W. Bill White
Al Madril W. Gama Singh
The White Knight W. Dale Valentine
Tiger Conway,Jr. W. Dave Patterson
Armando Guerrero W. Coloso Colosetti

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 10/21/78

Johnny Rodz W. Tony Russo
S.D. Jones W. Moose Monroe
Nikolai Volkoff W. Baron Scicluna
Crusher Blackwell W. Larry Zbyszko
Ivan Koloff W. Bob Backlund - DQ.
Stan Stasiak W. Jim Raye
Peter Maivia, Jay Strongbow, Dino Bravo
W.
The Yukon Lumberjacks & Spiros Arion

CHANNEL 62 (TV) 10/21/78

Terry Funk W. Len Denton (side suplex & pin)
Ed George W. Billy Bird (sleeper)
Victor The Wrestling Bear W. Walter Johnson
The Sheik W. Jim Waddell (camel clutch)
Eddie Duess DREW Steve Cooper (to time limit)
Don Kent W. Bobby Steele

COBO ARENA 10/22/78

Al Costello W. Bobby Black (Boston Crab)
Stan Stasiak W. Frankie Laine (heart punch & bodypress)
Walter Johnson W. Mike Wayne (shoulder block & pin)
Don Kent W. Pepper Gomez (cradle & pin)
Austin Idol W. Ed George - C.O.R. (George cut bloody, outside interference by Kent)
The Sheik W. Terry Funk (pinned after outside interference by brother Dory, Sheik was cut bloody)
Mark Lewin W. Dory Funk,Jr.-DQ.(struck ref., outside interference by brother Terry)

NOTE:*

Later on that night Terry Justice and I met the Funk Brothers. Dory is very quiet and Terry is very outgoing. Mr. Justice and I were very pleased going to Detroit's COBO for the card.

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TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA 10/22/78

Bob Backlund W. Ivan Koloff
Ric Flair W. Rick Steamboat - DQ.
Dino Bravo W. Ken Patera
Abe Jacobs DREW Geoff Portz
Tony Atlas & Jay Youngblood W. Gene & Ole Anderson

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK 10/23/78

Bob Backlund W. Ernie Ladd (spinebreaker & pin)
Bruno Sammartino W. Billy Graham (ref. Dec. on Blood,Graham was cut open)
The Yukon Lumberjacks W. Jay Strongbow & Peter Maivia (Eric pinned Jay after Peter left the ring, before that Jay & Peter argued and Peter struck Jay.)
Ivan Koloff W. Tony Garea (cradle & pin)
Baron Scicluna DREW S.D.Jones (to time limit)
Dino Bravo W. Luke Graham (dropkick & pin)
Crusher Blackwell W. Tony Russo (big splash & bodypress)
Larry Zbyszko W. Spiros Arion - DQ.(refused to brake)
Victor Rivera W. Dom DeNucci (bodypress)
Johnny Rodz W. Del Adams (suplex & pin)

SPOT-LIGHT BRUNO SAMMARTINO

Bruno Sammartino is known as the "Living Legend" and has rightfully earned this title.

Against great odds he won the belt from Buddy Rogers. Although the fans cheered him on, his youth and inexperience were not in his favor. After holding the belt for a number of years, he lost it to Ivan Koloff. However, perservering fans encouraged him always, and after several years he regained the belt.

In the spring of 1977 he lost the belt in Baltimore, and since then fought few matches in Madison Square Garden.

On Monday, October 23red, he will again appear in Madison Square Garden to do battle. This "Living Legend" cheered on by his fans will once again triumph in the ring.

Kenneth Levitt

And so the second edition of the Spinning Toe-Hold comes to an end. See you next month.

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